

Preliminary Amendment
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. A hybrid vehicle comprising:

an engine (E) having a crankshaft (15);

a transmission (T) that has an input shaft (16) joined coaxially to the crankshaft (15) and an output shaft (17) disposed in parallel to the input shaft (16), and is capable of changing the gear ratio between the input shaft (16) and the output shaft (17); and

a generator/motor (M1) that is disposed at a position sandwiched between the engine (E) and the transmission (T) and a position off an axis (L) of the input shaft (16), and transmits its driving force to any position of a power transmission pathway between the output shaft (17) and a differential gear (19); and

a starter motor (M2) that can crank the crankshaft (15) and is disposed at a position sandwiched between the engine (E) and the transmission (T);

the vehicle being capable of traveling by means of either one or both of the driving force of the engine (E) and the driving force of the generator/motor (M1) and at least parts of the generator/motor (M1) and the starter motor (M2) overlapping each other when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the axis (L).

2. The hybrid vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the generator/motor (M1) is disposed coaxially with the output shaft (17).

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3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The hybrid vehicle according to Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 or 2, wherein the starter motor (M2) is disposed coaxially with the crankshaft (15).